



FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

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Welcome to Friday Night Facts! While this week's issue is not as long as usual, everything on these three pages is news you can use. We are especially happy to announce the addition of four VISTA's to our family of staff. Each person brings a unique set of talents that will be used to help Hoosiers. Please note on the second page that more faith-based and community-based organizations have been successful in securing grants from the federal government. These grants were among the funding announcements that we bring to you each week in Friday Night Facts and each month in Funding Opportunities. Congratulations to each of these organizations!



Four VISTAs join OFBCI Staff

Within the last few weeks, four VISTAs (Volunteers In Service To America) have joined our staff. They are a great group of young ladies and are a welcome addition to the OFBCI. Some of you may have already had the opportunity to either meet or speak with them by now, but we would like to share with you a little bit about each one of them.

Sarah Bonilla (VISTA Volunteer Center Associate) recently relocated to the Indianapolis area from Carrollton, Texas where she attended the University of North Texas, and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Anthropology. Sarah realized she wanted to work in the non-profit sector, wanting to know her efforts are helping people, not just meeting someone else's bottom line. She is confident working as an AmeriCorps VISTA will satisfy her desire to help others and give her valuable insight into the operations of successful non-profit organizations.

Adrienne Brown (VISTA Volunteer Management Associate) is originally from Elkhart and is currently residing in Indianapolis. She attended Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) in Tallahassee, FL and received her Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering. Following that, she attended Florida State University (FSU) also in Tallahassee and got her Master's Degree in Interior Design. This is Adrienne's second year serving as a VISTA because she realized firsthand the benefit received in communities where there are AmeriCorps service programs.

Kristin Jezuit (VISTA Training Associate) is an Indianapolis native and attended IUPUI where she recently received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Studies. Kristin's motivation for wanting to be an AmeriCorps VISTA is knowing she can be a viable member of the OFBCI staff, wanting to give back to the community and assist in helping others while at the same time helping herself as an individual to grow and learn.

Jessica Parks (VISTA Health Outreach Associate) is also an Indianapolis native and has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Women's Studies from DePauw University. Jessica studied abroad in Australia for six months, learning to communicate with people of different backgrounds, adapting to new surroundings, and learning through listening and observing. She hopes to gain an immense amount of perspective about those in our country who are less fortunate and states *"in serving my community, I'm able to give something bigger than myself."*

More Indiana Faith-Based and Community Organizations receive grant \$\$\$

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced awards totaling \$58,025,562 through the Compassion Capital Fund (CCF). The awards, to 420 faith-based and community organizations, are designed to help grass-roots faith-based and community organizations enhance their ability to provide a wide range of social services for those in need. Those services include aid for homeless persons, at-risk youth and rural communities and initiatives to empower youth and promote healthy marriage.



Congratulations to Indiana's four recipients!!

Friends of Bethany, Inc. (Fort Wayne) and **Starfish, Inc.** (Indianapolis); recipients of \$50,000 each for targeted capacity building programs for at-risk youth.

True Life Choices, Inc. (Fort Wayne); recipient of \$50,000 for targeted capacity building programs for healthy marriages.

Shepherd's Community (Indianapolis); recipient of \$300,000 for communities empowering youth programs.

To view a complete list of the awards, go to: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2006/ccf_fy_2006_data.pdf
For more information about the Compassion Capital Fund, go to: <http://www.acf.dhhs.govprograms/ccf/>.

Toolkit for NonProfits Symposium

On **November 3rd and 4th**, the NonProfit Alliance for Monroe County and the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) will be hosting a two-day symposium. This event will be comprised of guest lecturers from a wide array of areas of expertise including such topics as conflict and dispute resolution, fund development, human resource management, advocacy, volunteer management, board development, strategic planning, and information technology.

The symposium will be held at City Hall, 401 North Morton Street, in Bloomington. The cost is \$35 for professionals and \$20 for students. For more information or to download a registration form, please go to <http://www.bloomington.in.us/~npa/>.

Life Together: Thinking and Acting Strategically

The Indianapolis Center for Congregations (ICC) announces their new Major Grants Initiative, *Life Together: Thinking and Acting Strategically*. *Life Together* provides an opportunity for congregations to assess their present situation, discover their vision, and create their future. This program will be practical, thoughtful, prayerful and ultimately help congregations launch new, effective and creative programs. *Life Together* includes financial support (up to \$35,000 in matching grants) and a thorough educational component. Congregations in Marion, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Morgan and Shelby counties are invited to apply. The ICC will award grants to 30 congregations.

To learn more about this grant initiative, you are invited to attend one of the following informational meetings:

Monday, 11/6	10 AM – 12:00	ICC, 303 N. Alabama St, Suite 100, Indianapolis
Tuesday, 11/7	4 PM – 6 PM	ICC, 303 N. Alabama St, Suite 100, Indianapolis
Thursday, 11/9	7 PM – 9 PM	ICC, 303 N. Alabama St, Suite 100, Indianapolis
Tuesday, 11/14	7 PM – 9 PM	Roberts Park U.M.C., 401 N. Delaware St, Indianapolis



To register for one of the meetings, please contact Janice Phillips at the ICC, 317-237-7799 or jkphillips@centerforcongregations.org. You must register by November 1st.



The Alzheimer's Association and the Indianapolis Urban League have joined forces to bring you "Killing Me Softly," an interactive family-oriented health education series.

These programs will focus on various health issues that affect African Americans at a disproportionately higher rate than other ethnic groups.

You'll learn about prevention and intervention, meet local experts working in healthcare, and learn behavior modifying tips and techniques that will lead to permanent lifestyle change for better health now and for generations to come.

Introducing the Killing Me Softly series...

Diabetes and Heart Disease

October 24, 2006

5:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Indianapolis Urban League

777 Indiana Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46222

(2nd building to the west of the Madame Walker Theater)

***Free Cholesterol, Blood Pressure,
Glucose, and Sickle Cell Screenings***

***Free meal, Free Childcare, Free Parking.
No registration required.***

Dr. Debra Miller, MD, Founder of the Mapleton Wellness Center and Clinic will present vital information on how Diabetes and Heart Disease are affecting the African American community. Learn how lifestyle changes can lead to successful intervention and prevention.

Open to the Public. Families welcomed.

**(✓) Mark Your Calendars
for the remaining session in the
Killing Me Softly health series**

November 14, 2006

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